proposal but it has not yet been opt ned;

(c) whether Government propose to tato immediate action for •ning it ?

THE MINI SI E R OF STA1 E OF THE .MINISTRY OF COM-MUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): fa) and *(h)* The Superintend ;i of Posl Offices **h'-id** submiit" > a proposal <-'t' open ing of a posi ' tl villa ' ' a-triyara. However, on examination in the Office of the Regional Direc tor it was found that, the proposal did not satisfy the *prescribed* rorms and has therefore been dropped.

(c) In view of reply to (a) and (b) above the question does not arise.

C. DOT Technology in Tele-communication works

147. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to use C. DOT technology in the expansion of tele-communication works ;

(b) whether Government arc also signing agreements with French and American concerns for import of similar technology ; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COM-MUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The indigenous technology for Electronic equipment is under development by C. DOT.

(b) There is at present no proposal with the Government to sign agreements with French or American concerns in regard to any new technologies. However, an agree ment was signed 1 l linn in July*2* in resp digital switching teel nolog; C. DOT was formed. As regatda technologies for electronic 1'ABX and 1 rural exc! ange matter is siill under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Safety measures in Hazardous Plants in States

148. SHRI KAPIL VERM A: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he lias asked the Chief Ministers to take most stringent measures to curb the menace of continuing leak ages from chemical plants in their States and ensure that the *U* providing safety in the hazardous plants is accorded topmost p

(b) what are the bti jfts received by the Centre about the leakage position and the saiet; sures; and

(c) what measures taken in respect of plants ba hazardous processors or mi hazardous chemicals that migh aw closed down ?

THE MINISTER OF si IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO I MICALS (SHRI R. K. JA[CHANDRA SINGH) : a V• . Sir.

(b) Several State (. <\ 11 have set up Task Force/Comn for updating information pational and health hazardsi and implementation of safety in chemical and other using hazardous operation and processes including highly toxic stances.

(c) The State Governments 1 ave asked to ensure that ail the hazardous chemicals either in bulk storage or in processes, are promptly disposed off by the management. It has also been suggested that pro-ore-:- of the disposal should be closely monitored by the inspection authorities.

Connection of District Head-Qwarters of Mizoram Telegraphically with Aizwal

i4q. DR. C. SILVERA: Willthe Minister of COMMUNICATIONS to state :

w! ether it is a fact t! at ' District Headquarters of Mizoram are not connected telegraphically with other. States and with Aizwal, the Capital of Mizoram;

(b) if so, what steps Govern ment have taken or propose to take to connect at least the Dis trict Headquarters tch illy ;

at is the amount earmarked for the purpose; and

re likely to be connected ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COM MUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Of the thi ict Headquarters, Aizwal and Lungleh are connected to oil States *viz,* Aizwal with Assam, Me- ilaya, West Bengal and Delhi, and Lungleh with Assam and Megh-alaya. Lungleh and Saiha are not cor" 1 Aizv ib

(b) UHF projects are under way and, on completion, all ti.e Dis trict Headquarters will be inter connected with each other and also linked to Aizwal.

(c) The estimated cost of the pro ject is Rs. 24,04,300.

(d; By 1986.

Telephone Exchanges in Mizo-ram

150. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased fottati

(a) what is the number and ca-pacity of telephone exchanges in Mfooram (Exchange and District wise) as on 31st October, 1985;

(b) the number of tel< phone con-nections released through different exchanges, exchange-v

(c) the number of persons v, are on the waiting list, tgc district-wise ;

(d) what steps Government pro-pose to take to expand the telephone network and convert the existing exchanges into electronic exchanges ;

(e) whether the three districts of Mizoram namely Aizwal, Lung-le.h and Saiha have been connect* d by telephones; and

(f) if not, what are there for and what steps Government propose to take in this regard and by when they are likely , to be connected ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COM-MUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWASMIRDHA): (a) to required information is given in statement.

(d) Existing Aizwal and J inglei Exchanges are proposed to i e re-placed by Electronic Exchan and Saiha by Automatic Exchai in 7th five year plan.

& (f) Teh-; cility is available in the ' ! rc.c districts. Also Aizwal is connected by Trunk dial-ling facility to Shillong & New Delhi. UHF Links interconnecting these districts are likely to be com-missioned in 1986-87 facilitating di-rect communication amongst them.